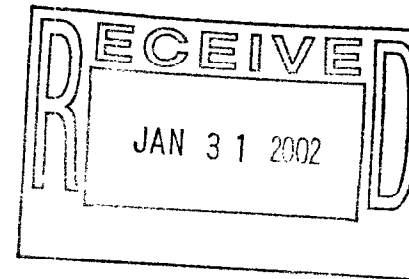




90 Orville Drive, Bohemia, NY 11716-2510 ■ Phone: (631) 567-9500 ■ Fax: (631) 218-7480

2517 171 5019 02:50



Office of Nutritional Products
Labeling & Dietary Supplements
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
5100 Paint Branch Parkway
College Park, MD 20740-3835

January 3, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on the Calcium Lactate supplements under the Major brand name.

- Plays a role in maintaining bone health
- Bone health can be dependent on many factors including heredity, diet, exercise and lifestyle.
- Calcium is the primary mineral responsible for strong bones.
- The body also uses Calcium for proper muscle contraction and nerve function and obtains Calcium mainly from the bones.
- Because the body can't produce Calcium, a balanced diet, regular exercise, healthy lifestyle choices and adequate intake of Calcium can play a role in maintaining optimal bone health.
- Calcium also plays a role in muscle contractions and nerve impulses.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

Ona Scandurra, MS, RD
Director of Nutrition Communications

OS/tk

975 0162

LET 9252

79141